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**Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Clerk's Office  
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**Dear Officials:**

**I am writing to protest the rate increase application that SCE & G has recently made to your office. Prior to this increase my utility rates had already gone up and I am baffled as to why it is necessary to again raise rates so soon .**

**Rate increases such as these put a great burden on myself and other residents of Columbia and create a situation where we have to make choices about basic needs for ourselves or paying higher utilities.**

**I do believe that executives of this corporation acquire profits and live far more comfortably than I ever could. One has only to look at their residences and then mine to see the great variance. Therefore, I do not believe these rates need to be raised. I do believe that the customers are at a great disadvantage while the executives continue to prosper.**

**Could it be that the present rates could be applied in a more effective and wise way so that we would not have to bear the consequences of this rate increase?**

**Cordially,**



**Jeffrey G. Newman**

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